

### Communications

**Editor,**  
The Torrance Press:  
I would like to call your attention to the fact that by act of the California Legislature in 1951 an amendment to the Education Code was made, whereby, unless notice of intention not to renew the contract of a district school superintendent is given six months in advance of expiration of an existing contract, the contract shall be considered as renewed for four years and at the same rate of compensation.

**CONTRACT RENEWED**  
In the case of the situation in Torrance, this means that since the contract of the present incumbent of the position of school superintendent expires June 30, 1952, the decision of the Torrance Board of Education whether to renew this contract for another four year period or not must be made before December 31, 1951.

In conversation recently with members of the Torrance Board of Education, it was indicated quite clearly to this writer that the present intention of the majority of the Board is to renew

the contract of the present incumbent for four years.  
**BOARD COMPOSITION**  
You will recall that by the election of May, 1950, the composition of the Torrance Board of Education was considerably altered. It may also be recalled that there was evidence of strong popular feeling in that election—to the extent that a write-in candidate proposed but three days before the election defeated incumbents who had been opposed in previous Board of Education elections.

**QUESTION ARISES**  
The questions that now arise are—what was the issue in the above mentioned election and what have been the results stemming from the outcome of that election.

It now appears that there have been no significant changes as a result of the May, 1950 election, nor is there the prospect of any, judging by present indications. The popular expression of opinion registered at that time might as well have never been made.

**READER BENEFIT**  
For the benefit of your readers who may wish to express their opinions on the question of whether to make a change in the school administration, I have listed below the names and telephone numbers of the members

### Education Board Adds 3 to Staff

Board of Education records this week showed that two new employees have been hired and that one worker has been reclassified. Total cost to Torrance taxpayers will be \$6368 per year, it was revealed.

The list includes Emil C. Brozka, reclassified from custodian to head custodian. His salary was increased from \$2652 per year to \$2968, making an increase of \$216 per year to taxpayers.

Hired to replace Brozka in his former position as custodian was Donald R. Fulton at \$2652 per year.

Also employed was elementary teacher Mary Frances Alexander at a salary of \$350 0per year.

of the Torrance Board of Education. They are:  
Mr. John H. Shidler, office Torrance 149 and 698.  
Dr. Rollin R. Smith, office Torrance 510.  
Mr. W. H. Tolson, office, Torrance 1697.  
Mr. Carl D. Steele, Torrance 595.

Mrs. Grace Wright, Torrance 2575-J.  
Very truly yours,  
M. B. MILLAR,  
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Torrance 1581-W.

### Royal Neighbors Elect New Officers

The Royal Neighbors of Torrance, annual election of officers for the coming year the following were elected: Oracle, Belva S. Brase, Vice Oracle, Rosa Shepherd; Chancellor, Lou Johnson; Recorder, Mary Baker; Receiver, Mary Conner; Marshal, Sophia Duncan; Inner Sentinel, Lillian Nelson; Outer Sentinel, Velma Ccanlon; Manager (2 years), Cora Hill; Manager (3 years), Della Moon. The appointive officers will be named at a later date.

The Oracle, Mrs. Vertie Grimm appointed Mrs. Lou Johnson to secure the reservations for the Christmas dinner to be held December 18th at the Woman's clubhouse on Engracia Street. Each person is requested to bring a gift for the exchange. Mrs. Rosa Shepherd will be in charge of the table decorations. A short program will follow the dinner.

### Plans Yule Program

The Christmas program of the Torrance Foursquare Sunday School, 1207 El Prado has been set for Wednesday, Dec. 19th at 7:30 p.m. This promises to be the best program rendered by the ever increasing Sunday School of the Foursquare Church, it was disclosed. There will be candy treats for everyone attending this service.

### Keystone Sewers To be Installed

**KEYSTONE** — Resolution of intention to install sewers on all property fronting the east side of Vermont Avenue from 223rd Street to Ocean in the Keystone area was adopted Tuesday by the Board of Supervisors.

At the same time the County Engineer was instructed to prepare plans and specifications for the proposed improvement.

According to Supervisor Raymond V. Darby, the approved petition had been signed by persons representing ownership of 62% of the area to be benefited.

### 'Christ Idea' Topic Of Church Sermon

"Challenge of the Christ Idea," will be the sermon topic of Reverend Earl D. Barnum at the regular services conducted by the Church of Religious Science, this Sunday.

Services will be held at 11 a.m. in the Masonic Temple, Ruby and Catalina in Redondo Beach.

At the same time, a Children's Church is under the direction of Dr. Evelyn Earle and a Teen-age church lead by Adrian Bibee.

During the midweek, the WORKSHOP OF LIFE, meets at 1 p.m. each Wednesday with Reverend Barnum as speaker.

### Yule Gathering for Family Planned by El Camino College

Familiar music for all the family will be the theme of El Camino's fifth annual Christmas music varieties which will be held Monday, December 17th, at 7:30 p.m. in the Campus Center.

Following the tradition of past years, the college band and chorus will present a program designed for children of all ages and featuring music which has become symbolic of the spirit of the Yuletide season.

The entire family, especially the children, have been invited by El Camino's music department to join with college musicians in singing old familiar carols. The program is open to the public at no admission charge.

### P-TA Board Plans To Fill 900 Socks

**KEYSTONE** — The Carson Street P-TA Board will meet to discuss plans for filling 900 Christmas stockings for children at the Carson Street School, it was disclosed today. Mrs. Jack Smith is president of the organization.

Open House will be held this evening. The fourth and fifth grade mothers will furnish refreshments.

Rich gifts wax poor when givers prove unkind.—Shakespeare.

### Permits Given To 28 Groups

Permits for the use of school facilities between the period of July 1, 1951 to October 31, 1951, showed that various buildings and rooms had been used by outside organizations 28 times.

Among groups that used the schools were both boy and girl scouts, Hampton Players, Society for the Preservation and Encouragement of Barbershop Quartet Singing in America, P-TA groups, the recreation department, Pacific Hills Home Owners, Inc., Police Officers Association, and the El Nido Civic Association.

### No. Torrance Yule Party Set for Dec. 22

**NORTH TORRANCE** — The North Torrance Yule children's Christmas party will be held Sat., Dec. 22 at 6:30 p. m. at the El Camino Auditorium, Jack White, president of the North Torrance Civic Improvement Association, disclosed today.

There will be a thirty-minute color cartoon Christmas story, other entertainment, gifts, candy and nuts for the occasion.

"If you know of any child living in North Torrance who will be unable to attend the party due to illness, please call me at ME110 4-7139," declared Mrs.

### Pastor Marks 1st Anniversary

Sunday marks the anniversary of the Narbonne Avenue Baptist Church. The speaker, Robert A. Wells, came to the church on December 10, 1950. The pastor will speak at the morning service on the subject, "What I think about Jesus." During the past year the church building was remodeled and an addition was completed to take care of the increase in attendance.

Sunday School time is 9:45 and Training Union begins at 6:30. On Monday night the Training Unions of Los Angeles will attend "M" Night at Sixth and Ferris streets in East Los Angeles. The "M" stands for Mobilization.

Wednesday at 7 the Sunday School officers and teachers will meet at the church, followed by the business and praise service at 7:45. Thursday at 7 the choir meets to practice.

Tomorrow, the men of the church have made plans for Men's night. A ham dinner will be served at 6:30, followed by a program of special interest to men with Virgil Fisher, pastor of White Temple Baptist Church of Long Beach as guest speaker.

Ann Collins.

She said that she would personally arrange for Santa to call on these children.



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